

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

Discovery rolling out to launch pad for STS-96



Special events planned for Environmental, Energy Awareness Week

▲ **The Space Shuttle Discovery** is scheduled to roll out of the VAB to Launch Pad 39B on Wednesday, April 21, for mission STS-96. Targeted for liftoff May 20, STS-96 is a logistics and resupply mission for the International Space Station, carrying such payloads as a Russian crane, the Strehla; a U.S.-built crane; the SPACEHAB Oceaneering Space System Box (SHOSS); and STARSHINE, a student-led experiment.

▲ **Celebrate Environmental and Energy Awareness Week** -- KSC and the Patrick Air Force Base have combined efforts to plan several environmental and energy awareness activities in recognition of Earth Day, April 22, 1999. Selected exhibits will be displayed in the lobbies of KSC Headquarters, the OSB, the SSPF and at CCAS on Thursday. In addition, there will be presentations from local environmental groups in the Training Auditorium throughout the day: *8:15 a.m.*, Doug Kutz, Agricultural Extension agent; *10 a.m.*, the Audubon Society with *Birds of Prey*; *11:30 a.m.*, Dr. DeFreese, HUBBS-Sea world Research Institute; and *1 p.m.*, Thunderhawk Big Cat Rescue.

◆ **Judges** are needed for the Florida sectional competition of the *Junior Solar Sprint-National Solar Powered Model Car Competition* to be held on Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Astronaut Hall of Fame, U.S. Space Camp. *Junior Solar Sprint* challenges students from grades 6 through 9 to use scientific know-how, creative thinking, experimentation and teamwork to design and build high-performance solar electric vehicles. This is a design and track event that provides an excellent opportunity to combine the teaching of many scientific and social principles in an atmosphere of fun and excitement. Dynamic volunteers can contact Susan Schleith at 407-638-1017 or Brenda S. Fuentes at 407-867-1185.

◆ In recognition of **Asian-American Heritage Month**, the Asian Pacific Islander Working Group (APIWG) luncheon is being held at 11:30 a.m., May 7, at the O&C building, mission briefing room. Cost is \$7.50 per person. For tickets, on sale through May 5, please call Kenny Aguilar, 867-3207; Marina Harris, 867-2468; Rupert Lee, 867-1403; Paula Nosca, 867-0745; or Christopher Chan, 730-5547. In addition, APIWG needs volunteers to support the group. If interested, please call any of the people listed here.

◆ **Did You Know?** Both *KSC Countdown* and *Spaceport News* are available on the KSC Web page, <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/>. The Web versions include color photos (when included in the publication).

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